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Applicants : Jiangchun Xu et al.
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Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2002, please extend the period for reply by three months, making the new due date for responding to this matter January 29, 2003. Enclosed herewith are a petition for an extension of time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 35 and 62, to read as follows:

35. (Twice Amended) A method for stimulating and/or expanding T cells specific for a prostate-specific protein, comprising contacting T cells with a polypeptide comprising at least a 9 amino acid fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 113, wherein said fragment contains an amino acid sequence capable of stimulating a human T-cell response, under conditions and for a time sufficient to permit the stimulation and/or expansion of T cells.

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